

April 2009

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter



Project Add/Drop Deadline:

May 1st is the last day to drop or add projects. 4-Hers must be enrolled in a project to participate at the Summer Fair. If you have been working in a project area and haven't signed up for that project, call our office to add it. Not sure what you are signed up for, call our office at 388-3213 to check.

Fair Schedule Planning Meeting

Any project leader interested in the Fair schedule, please attend a planning meeting on **April 8th at 11:30** at the 4-H Office. We will be discussing the animal shows, days, and times and finalizing the schedule of events.

2009 Summer Fair "Country Pride - County Wide" July 15-19, 2009

FAIR ENTIREES - VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

ENTRY DEADLINE FOR FAIR: June 30th, 2009

(entries will be accepted with a late fee from July 1st to July 7th.

ABSOLUTELY NO ENTRIES AFTER JULY 7TH,

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Entries will close 1 week before fair and **ABSOLUTELY** no one will be allowed to enter the fair after July 7th. It is difficult to plan ahead for ribbons, space needs, animal stalls and pens, etc if entries are allowed past the deadline and not fair to others who have abided by the rules. If you miss the last deadline, you **WILL NOT** be allowed to exhibit at the fair. Please be considerate of the amount of time it takes to put on a fair and get your entries in on time! Fair entry books and entry forms will not be mailed out, you can pick them up in the 4-H office or find them online. **We will have the 4-H pages of the fairbook and entry forms available early May in the office or online at www.gallatinextension.com.**

Record Books: Once again this year, up to date record books are to be shown at interviews or to project leaders at fair time in order to receive your premium money. 4-H is great because not only do you get to learn about what you are interested in but you also learn how to keep records and evaluate your own successes, failures, and progress. Be proud of yourself and show your record books at fair. If you need record book forms, contact your leader or the 4-H office, or go online to www.gallatinextension.com and choose the following links: 4-H, Forms, Record forms.

Interviews: New this year - Interviews are strongly encouraged for **each project** that you enter. If you have both a livestock project and an indoor project, you should try to interview in both areas. If you have more than one indoor project, attempt to interview in each project area.

Leader Council Meeting

The Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Bring a couple dollars for your meal. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 14, 2009.

Revised Council Bylaws

The Unlimited Leaders Council has diligently been updating their operating bylaws to reflect changes in the way business is conducted. Significant changes have been suggested and we require the 4-H membership to review and make comment before the bylaws are put into action. Please take a look at them and present any comments and concerns at the April 14th Unlimited Leaders Council meeting. A draft of the bylaw revisions is available at the office for your review or as a .pdf document on the 4-H website, www.gallatinextension.com.



FAIR BOOTHS!

Last year the club and project booths helped promote 4-H to everyone who walked by the displays. Help us promote 4-H again at the 2009 Gallatin County Summer Fair. Each club and project area is invited to set up a Fair display/ booth about 4-H. You are not expected to man the display during the fair. The booth needs to be educational, informational or promotional. **The theme will be "Going Green" and this year they will be judged.** This is a great way to promote Gallatin County 4-H and the things you are doing as a group. Call the office to reserve your display space - we hope to see more clubs involved this year. Help us fill Building #3 with everything 4-H. If you have any questions or want more information, please call us.



Montana 4-H Congress - "Youth Moving Mountains"

Save the Date. Meet Your Friends at 4-H Congress on July 7-10 at MSU. Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for 4 days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all have a great time with their peers. Its purpose is to provide a safe and fun environment for youth to experience all that 4-H congress has to offer including: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events and much more. Whether you are coming to excel in a contest, experience campus life, check out MSU for college, or just re-connect with old friends, this year's Congress will reward you with lots of positive memories. Contact the Extension Office for application or more information.



2009 MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The Montana State University Youth Horsemanship School has been developed to provide Montana Youth with useful equine information and skill development. The goals are to increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider/horse unit and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experience. The date for this year's school will be June 22-June 26, 2009 and the cost is \$300 per student (Includes lodging, meals, and stalls). Only the first 50 students will be admitted to the 2009 Youth Horsemanship School. Because of the popularity of the School, it will probably fill up quickly. We advise that if you are interested in attending, to send in your application and registration fee as soon as possible. **Contact the 4-H office for application. Scholarship funds are available - deadline for requesting a scholarship is April 13.** You must turn in a scholarship form to the 4-H Office by April 13. Stop by and pick up a form or download one from our website: www.gallatinextension.com, under additional links click on 4-H, click on scholarships and you will find the form towards the bottom of the page.



National Volunteer Week - April 19 – April 25, 2009

“Celebrating People in Action”

We honor all our volunteers who dedicate themselves to providing the common goal of working to make the best better. We honor the commitment given to the Extension 4-H program and our youth. Please take the time to thank your club leader, project leader, or others who freely give their time. **OUR OFFICE THANKS YOU AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT YOU DO. TOGETHER WE CAN DO GREAT THINGS.**

Month of the Military

April was established as the "Month of the Military" in 1986 by then Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger. He established the annual recognition because he understood and appreciated the challenges encountered by children of the military service members. Operation: Military Kids (OMK) recognizes and honors the sacrifice that the children and youth of our military personnel make because when parents serve in the military, their kids are heroes too. **These children and youth are a source of pride and honor to us all, and it is only fitting that we take April – Month of the Military Child to recognize their contributions, celebrate their spirit, and let our men and women in uniform know that while they are taking care of us, we are taking care of their children and youth.**



Expanding Your Horizons - Motivating Young Women in Science & Mathematics

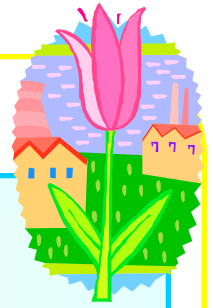
Registration is now open for Montana State University's "Expanding Your Horizons," a day-long program to be held on Saturday, April 25, that is designed to motivate girls in grades 6, 7 and 8 to pursue careers in math and science. Registration is \$20 and includes lunch, materials and four hands-on sessions, which cover subjects such as astronomy, outdoor survival, dentistry, robotics and much more. Registration forms are available online at <http://eu.montana.edu/ContinuingEd/youth/>. Conference headquarters are at the Burns Technology Center, 128 EPS building. The conference is sponsored by MSU Extended University. For more information, contact Susan Byorth at sbyorth@montana.edu or 243-5701.

International Programs

Experience another culture first hand by hosting a foreign youth this summer.

Host families are still needed for the summer inbound program. We have 24 Japanese kids, ages 12-16, that still need homes. The program dates are July 21-August 18. Enthusiastic families are needed to host these youth for the month. No special plans are required just a willingness to share your daily lives with someone from another country. Deadline extended to April 15, 2009. Applications are available at www.montana4h.org, from your county agent or by contacting Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu.





Clothing & Textiles Sewing

The next dates to continue working on your sewing projects will be: April 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm in the basement of Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway.

Please be sure to bring the following to **every** meeting in order to make progress on your project: sewing machine and necessary accessories; extension cord; project pattern including instructions and pattern pieces; any leftover fabric yardage/scrap; notions (interfacing, elastic, buttons, etc) as listed on the back of the pattern envelope; sewing tools (straight pins, tape measure, hem gauge, marking tool, fabric scissors, paper scissors, seam ripper, extra sewing machine needles) project book and pencil or pen.

Please call Janell Barber (539-1301) with any questions.

Dog Agility

We have two different groups meeting. For days and times contact either:

Jeannie Biggers at 580-8098 or jbiggers@gotdogagility.com

Anne Dixon at 209-4997 or dixonanne@hotmail.com

Dog Care & Training

We will meet on **April 2nd from 5:30-6:30 at Eagle Mount**, 6901 Goldenstein Lane off south 19th. You **MUST** bring proof of vaccinations, rabies, distemper combo, bordetella (kennel cough). Also bring your obedience & show equipment. We will be checking vaccinations and checking over equipment (right size collar for your dog, etc). If you have any questions, contact Cara at 580-4349.

Food Project

These are the remaining classes at Herrick Hall at MSU for the food project. For this year's theme, we will be creating foods from various regions across the United States including southern style food, food from the northwest, and many others! Each week the class will have two instructors and we will be covering two different recipes from each region. Pick a day of the week and time that works with your schedule:

Week of: April 7th, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, April 10th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, April 11th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: April 14th, Tues, 6:30-8:30 or Friday, April 17th, 4:00-6:00 or Sat, April 18th, 10:00-12:00

Week of: April 21st, Tuesday, 6:30-8:30

Leathercraft

We will start meeting on April 8th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will meet every other Wednesday. If you have any questions, call Rob Brooks at 388-2361.

Woodworking

Unfortunately, we do not have a project leader for woodworking this year. You may work independently to complete your project or find your own individual leader to help you.



Horse Judging

A special thank you to Connie Sparks and Epona Equestrian Center in Springhill, Jan and Jaydee Anderson and Anderson Reining Arena in Wilsall, and Maria Jerome, Amy Morgan and Brian Grimshaw for the opportunities and excellent instruction they provided our 4-H Horse Judging project members in March.

Sunday, April 5th: Judging at 12 noon at MSU Miller Pavilion. The MSU Horsemen's club will put on three classes for you – Western Horsemanship, English Equitation, Showmanship. Guest instructor: Club president and former 4-H judging competitor Megan Scherting.

Tuesday, April 14th: Classroom session at 6:30 pm at Valley Bank in Belgrade

Sunday, April 19th: Judging at Kissonock Arena in Butte from 11:00 am to 2 pm. Riders will put on three classes for you: Hunter Under Saddle, Western Pleasure, and a conformation class with Joani Kissonock, a horse show judge, coach, instructor, and owner of Kissonock Arena with her husband Jim.

Horse

Horse Committee: Gretchen Furlong 539-7224, Shannon Brooks, 581-7478, Mike & Kathy Pratt 388-6045, Leasa Stratton 522-9756, Edie Baker 599-2293, Scott Reiner 585-7263, Natalie Jennings, 285-5210.

The Horse Committee meeting will be the second Monday of the month, April 13, 6:30 pm at the Dry Creek School north of Belgrade off Dry Creek Rd.

*****If you are planning on participating in the George Eddie Rodeo on the last day of Fair, remember that you must have 1 Horse Committee Timed Event Clinic on the horse that you will be using in order to be able to participate in the rodeo. Questions??? Call a horse committee member.*****

Upcoming Horse Committee Clinics:

April 4: Horsemanship, 9:00-5:00 at MSU. Cost will be \$10.00. Call 388-6045 to pre-register and get your arrival times.

April 16: Horseless Horse from 6:00-7:30 at Valley Bank of Belgrade meeting room.

April 18: Timed Event Clinic from 9:00-12:00 at the Fairgrounds, there will be a small cost for this clinic, Play Day from 1:00-4:00 with Saddle Stars 4-H Club, there will be a small entry fee for this, call 388-6045 to pre-register.

April 25: English/Western at 10:00-3:00 at the Fairgrounds. Call Gretchen at 388-1642 to pre-register by April 22.

April 26: Ranch Horse (sorting & round pen roping) from 1:00 - ? At Circle L Arena. Call Scott at 580-7681 to pre-register by April 22. There will be a small charge for this clinic.

May 3: Tri-Clinic from 10:00-3:00 at the Fairgrounds, call 388-6045 to pre-register

May 9: Timed Event Clinic from 9:00-12:00 at the Fairgrounds, there will be a small cost for this clinic, Play Day from 1:00-4:00 with Saddle Stars 4-H Club, there will be a small entry fee for this, call 388-6045 to pre-register.

May 16: English Clinic at Circle L Arena, there will be a small cost for this clinic, call Gretchen at 388-1642 to pre-register.

May 24: Clinic to be announced later at the Fairgrounds

June 6: Pre-Fair from 9:00-5:00. More information next month.

June 19: Timed Event Clinic from 6:00-8:30 pm at Misty Radue's, call 388-6045 to pre-register, there will be a small cost for this clinic.

June 21: Clinic to be announced later at the Fairgrounds.

Approved Outside Clinics: April 17 & 18: Jess Hallaway at MSU, Equine Conference, \$75 to attend, \$5 to audit, contact the Extension Office for more information.





4-H Cowboy Action Shooting to Start Second Season

If you enjoy the shooting sports and like to shoot a lot and shoot fast, 4-H Cowboy Action is the project for you. Currently Gallatin County offers the only 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting Project in the country and will begin its second season with an orientation meeting on **Thursday, April 16th** at 7:00 p.m. at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. Any 4-H member who turned 12 years old by October 1, 2008 (4-H age 13) is welcome to attend.

Cowboy Action Shooting is a fast paced, timed shooting contest that records your scores in seconds and adds a 5 second penalty to each miss. The shooter with the fastest time wins. Shooter use guns of the Old West era and attempt to hit steel targets at various ranges. Members are also required to dress in cowboy clothes or as close as possible. All the rules and requirements will be introduced at the orientation meeting. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. If this has you curious, check out the first meeting and see if 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting might be your next 4-H adventure.

Shooting Sports Awards Banquet

The award ceremony for Shooting Sports will be held Wednesday, April 1st in the Beartooth Room at the Comfort Inn (beside Wal-Mart) in Bozeman. Time will be from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the room will be open at 5:00. This will be a potluck dinner. Families with last names that start with A-M are asked to bring a main dish and families with last names starting with N-Z are asked to bring a salad or dessert. If you have any questions, please call Bob Thompson at 580-5551.

Ennis Invitational Archery Shoot

The Archery events will be held on April 18 at the **Ennis Elementary Gym**. Cost per event is \$10. Spots will be shot on the hour starting at 8:00 and going to 3:00, more than one class may be entered. **Entries to be received by April 10**, after that, call for shooting time availability; they will take late entries by phone until April 16. Pick up your registration form at the Gallatin County Extension Office. If you have any questions, call Tanya Maninger at 406-660-1559.

Pacific Northwest Shooting Sports Training Coeur d'Alene, Idaho on April 25-26, 2009

Training Disciplines Offered: Archery, Rifle, Pistol (Handgun), (minimum of 4 participants needed per discipline for that option to be held). This program is endorsed by OSU, UI & WSU Extension, and meets the educational training requirements to serve as a 4-H Shooting Sports volunteer leader within Idaho, Oregon and Washington. We use the National Training Curriculum in Montana, this training workshop in Idaho will qualify for instructor certification for Montana 4-H Shooting Sports leaders. Registration deadline is April 17. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Shooting Sports Training: Laurel, MT

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held at the Laurel Rifle Club in Laurel on May 1-2, 2009. All disciplines, which include rifle, pistol, shotgun, muzzle loading, hunting, archery, coordinator, and cowboy action, will be offered. The Friday night session on 4-H and risk management will be from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Saturday discipline training is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. The registration deadline is April 20th. The fee is \$50 for adult leaders and \$25 for teen leaders who must work under trained adult supervision. Saturday's lunch is provided. Registrants will receive a full agenda and a map to the facility the week before the event. Pick up registration form and pre-test at the Extension Office.

Montana State 4-H Shotgun Qualifier

The 2009 Montana State 4-H Shot Gun Qualifier will be held on May 9, 2009 in Townsend. Contact the Extension Office for registration information. If you have questions, contact Aaron Clark, 406-266-3321; Steven Dempsey, 406-266-5238 or Todd Kesner (MSU 4-H Center) at 406-994-6816. ATA rules will be followed for trap – singles and doubles; sporting clay competition will be governed by NSCA rules.

Montana State 4-H Muzzleloader Shooting Tournament

This will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2009, 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm at the Manhattan Wildlife Association Rifle Range located in Logan, Montana. The deadline for registration is Friday, April 24, 2009. This competition is open to all Montana 4-H members enrolled in the Black Powder Project. If you have any questions, call Scott Francis at 284-6843.

Sheep

Care and Feeding Your Market Lamb: **April 16** at Rocky Mountain Supply, Belgrade at 6PM.

Weigh In: **April 29th** from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at Sorenson Vet Clinic, Belgrade or **May 1st** from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Hog Arena at the Fairgrounds. If you are going to tag on May 1st call Nancy to get a time as we will shear at this one.

Please be on time for all workshops, if you show up half way through you will not get credit.

If you are still looking for lambs you may also call Nancy she will help you find a place to go. You need to have your lambs on or before tagging date.

Lambs for Sale: Carlee Smith at 388-7238 (There will also be feed on hand at the Smith sale), Jenny Greger at 580-4349, Rachel Fessenden at 581-6058 and the Hay's sale on the 18th, Trish Hay 875-2152.

Small Animal Project

Next small animal meeting is April 6, Monday at 7:00 at the Valley Bank as usual. Our topic this month is pests and diseases as well as care and grooming. Kids will be presenting about cats, rabbits, chickens, chinchillas, and ferrets this month. Come and see what people have to share about their animals!! Any questions you can call Betsy Wise @ 388-0061

Swine

Last minute change: **There will be a pig pool on April 11 at the Fairgrounds.** Viewing will be from 10:00-11:00, followed by a short workshop and then selection of pigs at 11:30. If you do not have a pig yet or don't know where to get one and haven't made arrangements with Sandy & Randy Bryant or Dale Dykema, you need to contact Sandy at 388-6900 or Dale at 282-7272 and let them know how many pigs you would need at the pig pool. Pigs need to be purchased and in your possession by April 11. If you have any questions, call Sandy at 388-6900.

Vet Science

Tuesday, April 14th, at 6 p.m.. Rachel Fessenden a 4-H member will be giving a talk about sheep. Please come to 939 Harper Pucket Rd., north side of Valley Center Rd. PLEASE PARK ON STREET. If you have any questions please call Double Diamond Vet at 522-9491.





Public Presentation Day 2009 - April 7th & April 9th You still have time to sign up.

Public Presentation Day (Demo Day) is an opportunity for 4-H members to present to an audience an aspect of what they have learned in 4-H. Speeches or demonstrations can be as short as 5 minutes plus questions. 4-Hers may present any area of their 4-H experience and will have a small audience including one or two judges.

This year's date is set for Tuesday, April 7, 2009 for Cloverbuds and Thursday, April 9, 2009 for 14 year olds & up (if you were 14 as of October 1, 2008). 4-H members 9-13 years old can choose either Tuesday or Thursday for their presentations. Presentation Day will be held at the Belgrade Middle School from 5:30 PM-8:00 PM. Presentations spots are available every 15 minutes beginning at 5:30 p.m. The club with the greatest percentage of members competing will win a \$25.00 prize. Certificates will be awarded. Grand and Reserve ribbons will be presented at the conclusion of presentation day. If you are not present for this, your award will be available at the Extension Office for you to pick up or your club leader to pick up from their mailbox.

There are several divisions for presenters. Cloverbuds may participate in the 6-8 year old group, but are not judged or placed. Members who are 9-10 years old have two brackets in which to enter. Those giving their first ever demonstration at the county level will be judged separately than those giving their second demonstration.

The next age division is for 11-13 year olds. At this level, presenters have their choice of doing a speech or giving a demonstration. Experienced presenters are again separated from those with no experience.

Older teens, 14-19 years old (you must be 14 as of October 1, 2008), may also choose to deliver either a speech or demonstration which should be anywhere between 7 to 20 minutes long. The first place winner receives an all expense paid trip to Montana 4-H Congress where they may compete at the state level.

The experience young people receive from this event is tremendous. They become more confident, learn communication skills, and discover where they can improve. The entry form for this event is can be downloaded from our website: www.gallatinextension.com, click on 4-H, then forms. More are available at the Extension Office by calling 388-3213. You may reserve your time slot over the phone.

Teen Camp Opportunity!

This camp is designed specifically for teens! This is an opportunity for all Ravalli County and Montana 4-H members. Registration for out of county youth can apply on May 15, 2009. So, get your registration in as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

When is Ravalli County Teen Camp?

July 29-August 1, 2009 (Wed.-Sat.) For youth 4-H Age 13 and up.

Where is it?

LOON LAKE 4-H CAMP - BIG FORK, MT

What does it cost?

COST: \$105.00 - includes transportation from Ravalli County to camp, 9 meals, snacks, cabin bunk with mattress, hot showers, canoeing, swimming, campfires, fun workshops, games, camp t-shirt and dance. Registration starts May 15 for non-Ravalli County youth. Get your registration in, space is limited!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, July 17, 2009.

Refunds until July 1, 2009

**Pick up your registration form at the
Gallatin County Extension Office.**

**Questions? Call MSU/Ravalli County Extension at
375-6611 or ravalli@montana.edu**



Gallatin County 4-H Summer Camp - Important News

A camp planning / informational meeting will be held on April 2 at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office. Parents and Counselors and CIT applicants are encouraged to attend to hear the latest camp news.

At this time, camp is planned for June 23-26 at Hyalite Youth Camp. There is significant need for adult assistance at camp this year as there is not a guarantee that a 4-H agent will be present. National and State Camping guidelines insist that at least four specific adult-held positions are filled, in addition to the usual request for chaperones, in order for a safe and successful camp to take place.

A Camp Director, a Nurse or EMT, an Activities Director, and a camp cook are needed. The positions may be shared responsibilities, but each must be present throughout the entirety of camp (example: a Nurse/EMT must be on the grounds at all times but not necessarily the same Nurse/ EMT). Chaperones are also needed for the camp, especially male. The additional adults are needed to ensure the safety of all youth attending the camp. Please call the Extension Office at 388-3213 as soon as possible if you or someone you know is interested.

Camping Opportunities

We have lots of camping opportunities for 4-Hers and their families this year!

Willow Creek Classic will be held in late July rather than early June due to late school releases and full schedules. The camp will still have a family & natural resources focus. Watch for more information to come!

NEW this year!!! A Multi-county camp for middle school kids only will be held June

18-20 at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures, where we had camp last year. Only 4-H members that are going into 6th, 7th or 8th grades fall of 2009 will be able to attend. 4-Hers from other southwest Montana counties will also be attending this camp. Counselors are needed for this camp but must be going into their junior or senior year fall 2009 to be eligible. A counselor application form is available on the county 4-H website and must be turned in by the deadlines to be considered. Watch future newsletters for registration materials!

Youth Trapper Camp - June 12th-14th. The Annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 12-14 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offers a \$20.00 scholarship for the first 60 youth who send in their applications and YTC, Inc. provides for the additional applicants who request help prior to April 15. The campers attend classes on trapping methods, ethics regulations, fur handling, health and safety. To request an application, visit the following site: <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytcm.htm>

Montana Range Days - June 15-17, Miles City, Montana: The three-day event will be packed with fun, hands-on workshops for all ages. Registration costs \$30 for individuals or \$80 per family by June 1. The web site is: <http://cartercd.org/MRD%20page%201.htm>

Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp - July 12th-17th, Missoula, Montana: This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the kids outside where learning and recreation come together, to foster understanding and instill appreciation for the natural amenities of Montana that provide resources like clean water, wood products, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat. Link to the camp website: <http://www.mnryc.org>. For more information please contact Martin Twer, MSU Extension Forestry (phone 406-243-2775 or email martin.twer@cfc.umn.edu).

Montana Youth Range Camp: Campers age 12-18 will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants-grasses, forbs, and shrubs-and will learn about the interaction of soils, water, plants, wildlife and livestock in the range. Please visit the Natural Resources and Conservation website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cadd/camps/default.asp> for more information and applications.



Looking for a Junior Ambassador

A teen 4-H member (14 or up) with leadership qualities and abilities is being sought to fill the role of Junior 4-H Ambassador for Gallatin County. The Junior and Senior Teen Ambassadors are the official spokespersons for the county 4-H program with the duties of promoting 4-H to all non-4-H audiences. This could include presentations to schools, letters to the editor in the local paper, recruiting volunteers, or any other 4-H promotional event. Ambassadors are asked to attend ambassador training during pre-congress weekend and a conference in the fall. The term of office is two years and begins in July during 2008 Montana 4-H Congress. At the end of the first year, the Junior Ambassador becomes the Senior Ambassador and a new Junior is recruited. If interested, go to www.gallatinextension.com and you can print a PDF application or please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for the form. **Application deadline is May 1st.**

Pass Creek 4-H Spring Vaccine Clinic

Everyone is Welcome!

where: Bruce Hauglands, 3635 Pass Creek Rd, Belgrade

When: April 4th 9am-1pm

What: Rabies \$10, Distemper \$15, West Nile \$20

Please call 599-3152 if you have questions

Show Pig Feed Special

Ag Depot is running special pricing during the month of April for their show pig feed. If you have any questions, contact Garth at 586-5890.

Other Feed Dealers may offer discounts to 4-H members. Just mention you are a 4-H member.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Manhattan Tater Gems 4-H Club will be hosting a petting zoo during the Manhattan Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 11th. Plan to meet at 10:00 in Taylor Park. Don't forget your Easter baskets if you wish to participate in the egg hunt which will start at 10:00.

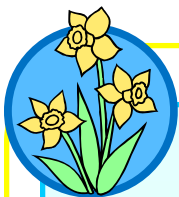
State Special Olympics – Thursday, May 14th

Equestrian events to be held at Eagle Mount. Volunteers are needed for the equestrian events for the State Special Olympics. Be a spotter, lead a horse, help the coaches, etc. To volunteer please contact the following: Volunteer Hotline at 406-586-7668 (SOMT) or Website volunteer sign-up at www.somt.org. More questions, contact Special Olympics Montana at 800-242-6876, Local Equestrian directors Brenda York @ 570-6856 or Maggie Harrison @ 586-1781

Advanced Youth Market Beef Tour

The Advanced Youth Market Beef Project (AYMBP) is having a tour that is scheduled for June 4-5 in the Billings area. This tour is being offered to any 4-H member age 14 and up as of October 1, 2008. This event is designed to give participants an inside look at various aspects of the beef industry including feed companies, feedlots, and processing facilities, and hopefully stimulate some interest in the 4-H Advanced Youth Market Beef project. One of the highlights of the tour is a visit to Stillwater Pack in Columbus, where we will be observing an animal being processed from start to finish. 4-H kids are encouraged to attend! This will be a highly educational and fun thing to do. Participation will be limited, so register early. Pick up your registration form at the Gallatin County Extension Office. Registrations are due back to the Judith Basin County Extension office by **May 1st.**





**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
Mackenzie River Pizza
March 10, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by President Brenda Townsend. The American pledge and the 4-H pledge were said. Roll call was 'best part of your day'. Members present were Brenda Townsend, Betsy Heckel, Faith Poet, Cyndi Suhr, Kathy Cheney, Scarlett Wirtz, Renae Cline, Brad Cline, Scott Francis, Ginny Francis, and Laura Lee Harvey. Guest present was Sonja Berg.

Secretary Report: Kathy motioned to approve, seconded by Betsy. Approved.

Treasurers Report: Betsy motioned to approve, seconded by Brad. Approved.

Guest Presentations: None

Public Comment: None

Committee and Leaders Reports:

Bar J Wranglers: Scott reported the final numbers for the event were approx. \$8700 profit. The Willson has been scheduled for Jan. 9, 2011 for the next show.

Road Sign: Kathy reported after sending a letter to the D.O.T. that she has been directed to another person in regards to the types of signs we would like to put up. Work in progress.

State Shoot: Scott reported there were a total of 850 – 900 registered for the event. Approx. 16 kids from this area participated in the event. Scott would like to thank Yellowstone Gateway Sports and Bill Ott for all the help with the shooting project. There will be a muzzle loader event at Logan on April 26.

Wild West Winterfest: Brenda and Betsy reported Rabbit and Poultry projects made approx. \$600 doing a bake sale and selling cotton candy. They also had several people attend the rabbit derby which was put on by kid's in the project. The Horse Committee put on a tack swap during the horse sale that went well, they do not have a final number from the fairgrounds on what was made on the tack swap.

Old Business:

Apparel: Hoodies are in the lead on the survey on line. Scott motioned to table the decision until fair, seconded by Betsy. Approved.

Clover Carnival: Set for April 4th at Ridgeview School in River Rock. There will be a small fee to use the school. We need 10 – 12 booths for the carnival. There are 2 clubs confirmed to participate. Cindy will be sending email out the all 4-H community regarding carnival. Prizes and booths were discussed.

License Plate Scholarships: Faith reported we have a total of 6 \$35 scholarships that need to be used. Betsy motioned to use one for the Foundation auction and the other 5 to be used for awards, seconded by Scott. Approved.

Grants and Scholarships:

Scholarship requested for 4-H cooking class, and the MSU Horsemanship Camp.

- Betsy motioned to pay for the cooking class out of misc. scholarship, seconded by Brad. Approved.
- Ginny motioned to fund \$100 to the person for the MSU horsemanship camp, and to fund \$100 per person up to a total of \$300 for any other request made by the next meeting on April 14th, seconded by Scott. Approved.
- Ginny made a motion to allow up to \$250 to be divided between the 2 people who are attending the rec lab upon receipt of bills, Scott seconded. Approved.

New Business:

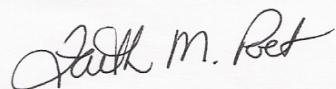
4-H Camps: Camp is being evaluated after much discussion and will be revisited at the March 23, 2009 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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Gallatin County 4-H –

It is with a heavy heart that I let you know that I will be leaving Gallatin County to return to Colorado with my fiancé. I will be continuing in the office until April 10. I have thoroughly enjoyed being here, learning and getting to know you.

The county will be in a transition stage during one of the busiest times of the 4-H year but steps have been taken to limit the impact on programs and general program function. The process for attaining a new 4-H agent has already begun with the hope of having a very short vacancy. As always, the Extension office is happy to answer your questions, especially with the busy summer season coming up. Please be patient as Cyndi and the office goes through the transition along with you!

The Gallatin County 4-H program and all of its participants are wonderful people that put many hours of time and effort into "Making the Best Better", I encourage each of you to continue in this tradition. I wish each of you all the best in your projects and discoveries in the upcoming year and beyond! Thank you for such a wonderful experience in Gallatin County.

Faith

The 4-H Carnival scheduled for April 4th has been CANCELED due to lack of club/project participation. We will try again later in the year.

